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1. In front of the military barracks of Kula, a triple line of trenches is being dug on either side of the road leading to Zajecar, Yugoslavia. The work is being done by Bulgarian Army troops under the direction of a Soviet Army colonel.
2. The Bulgarian Army has nearly completed the organization of special "civilian squads" in all frontier villages. These squads are made up of trusted Communist civilians who are supplied with small arms and hand grenades and are given training in these weapons by Army officers and non-commissioned officers. Their specific task is to capture border crossers in the frontier zones near their villages.
3. From January through May 1951, a Trudovak battalion of 300 men, plus Army personnel from the Nevrokop garrison, worked on fortifications extending from the bed of the Mesta River southwest to a height dominating the village of KupruloVo (sic) approximately eight kilometers southeast of Nevrokop. These fortifications consist of three lines of trenches from 1.20 meters to 1.60 meters deep, reinforced concrete machine gun and artillery positions, and underground bunkers to shelter troops. At the same time, another labor battalion was constructing fortifications near Simitli (N4153 E2306), but the nature of these fortifications is not known.
4. In May 1951, the Trudovak battalion from Nevrokop was moved to Trun (N4250 E2239). Operating from this base, the Trudovak battalion spent the next five months constructing three similar series of fortifications. The first of these was around Trun, Zabelski Khan, and Glavanotsi (N4249 E2231); the second near the villages of Busintsi (N4247 E2240), Baba (N4248 E2247), and Filipovtsi (N4249 E2245); and the third around the heights surrounding Breznik (N4243 E2255). In addition, cement and stone antitank gun emplacements were dug at each bend of the road from Trun to the frontier town of Strezimirovtsi (N4248 E2227).

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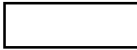
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